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reading from the card memory of one of the portable of cards;
executing a first program in a first memory to correlate second signals with first signals,
sending a device signal on a signal path [third signal-path] between a peripheral device
and the first program,
executing, responsive to the device signal, a second program in a second memory, to
correlate second signals with third signals from the card memory of one of the plurality of card,
wherein the step of executing a first program determines a total amount due by receiving a fourth
signal from the step of executing a second program.


REMARKS

Claims 19-24, 26, 28-40, and 42-46 will be pending in this application after the Examiner enters the forgoing amendment.

Applicant submits that the forgoing amendment places the application in better condition for examination. Applicant respectfully requests that the forgoing amendment be entered before the examination of this application.

If there are any fees required for entry of this amendment, or for any other reason, please charge such fees to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 10-0077.

Respectfully submitted,


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